

Application No.: 09/923,803**Docket No.: 4468-021****REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claim 8 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Independent claims 1, 9, and 10 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of original claim 8. Claim 8 has been amended to recite another feature of the claimed invention. New claim 8 finds solid support in the original drawings, especially FIGs. 6c and 13. Claims 1-10 have further been amended to improve claim language. Claims 11-20 depending from claims 9 or 10 and including the limitations of claims 2-8 have been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled.

The specification has been revised to remove the references to the claims. A new Abstract compliant with commonly accepted US patent practice has been added.

No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The objection to the Abstract is believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

The Examiner's comment on the Declaration is noted. Applicants file concurrently herewith an Application Data Sheet to submit the missing information.

The art rejections manifested in paragraphs 6-7 of the Office Action are believed overcome in view of the above amendments, because all pending claims now include the indicated allowable subject matter of original claim 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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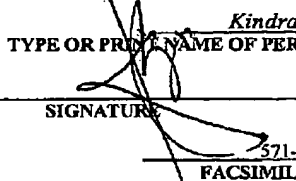
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